

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. Claim 3 has been canceled by this reply. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO97/37328 ("Ouimet") in view of WO98/04080 ("Zeitman"). Claim 3 has been canceled by this reply. Thus, this rejection is moot with respect to claim 3. Claim 1 has been amended by this reply to clarify the present invention recited. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 7, lines 18-24 of the specification. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claimed invention relates to using a mobile telephone to provide parking information to a parking server. Specifically, the present invention provides a two-step communication involving a ticket machine. The ticket machine is connected to the parking server, and the user using the mobile telephone provides the parking server parking information (such as parking time, etc.). The parking server transmits the parking information to the ticket machine and *upon request of a monitoring agent*, the ticket machine subsequently supplies parking authorization control elements with the parking information. Parking authorization control elements may include tickets printed by the ticket machine, a list derived by the ticket machine, a portable control device receiving information from the ticket machine, etc. (see, *e.g.*, page 3 of the specification).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation "*upon request of a monitoring agent*," the parking the ticket machine supplies parking authorization control elements with parking information. Specifically, in the present invention, when asked by a monitoring agent, the ticket machine provides a parking authorization control list indicating the identification information of the parked vehicle and information concerning the parking time. Therefore, an

update of the information present in the ticket machine can be made periodically when requested by the monitoring agent (see, *e.g.*, page 7 lines 20-28 of the specification).

Applicant respectfully asserts that neither Ouimet nor Zeitman disclose a parking ticket machine that supplies parking authorization control elements with parking information *upon request of a monitoring agent*. In contrast, Ouimet discloses that information related to parking is broadcasted continuously from terminal payments to all mobile terminals used by the parking wardens via the public wireless transmitter 14 (see, *e.g.*, page 8, lines 29-31, page 6, lines 20-23 of Ouimet). Because the information is continuously broadcast, it is not necessary for a monitoring agent to request the information. Further, Zeitman discloses that pertinent information is sent from a central interface unit to law enforcement interface unit (see, *e.g.*, Figure 1 and page 6, lines 23-25 of Zeitman), but Zeitman is completely silent regarding information sent upon request of a monitoring agent.

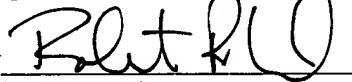
Thus, it is clear from the above that Ouimet and Zeitman, whether considered separately or in combination, fail to render claim 1, as amended, obvious. Dependent claims 2-17 are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 09667/002001; 73.0478US).

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